

Senate Resolution 80

By: Senators Wilkinson of the 50th, Ginn of the 47th, Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st, Anderson of the 24th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Paralympian gold medalist McKenzie Coan; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, McKenzie Coan of Habersham County, Georgia, won four medals in the 2016
4 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: three gold medals in the 50, 100, and 400 meter
5 freestyle events and a silver medal in the 400 meter freestyle relay; and

6 WHEREAS, McKenzie Coan has competed in numerous national and international
7 competitions and two Paralympic Games, London in 2012 and Rio de Janeiro in 2016; and

8 WHEREAS, diagnosed with osteogenesis imperfecta as a young child, she began swimming
9 for physical therapy at age six and has been swimming ever since with various swim clubs,
10 including the Habersham Rapids at Fulbright Center under Coach Anthony Rabern; and

11 WHEREAS, this dynamic, inspirational young woman is a Dean's List student at Loyola
12 University in Baltimore, Maryland, who plans to attend law school upon graduation; and

13 WHEREAS, she brings great honor and credit to her family, community, state, and nation
14 as the world's fastest swimmer; and

15 WHEREAS, the extraordinary discipline, positive attitude, and indomitable spirit of this
16 remarkable young woman and her tremendous achievements renew and strengthen the public
17 admiration and respect that she and her fellow Paralympians so rightfully deserve.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
19 recognize and commend Paralympian gold medalist McKenzie Coan and convey their
20 heartiest congratulations and best wishes in her future pursuits.

- 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to McKenzie Coan.